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FEBRUARY 24, 1825.

Read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole House  
to-morrow.

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## A BILL

*To establish a system of Quarantine for the District of Columbia.*

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   the President of the United States may, whenever he shall be  
4   of opinion that the public good requires it, cause a suitable  
5   ~~site to be procured,~~ within, or adjacent to, the District of Co-  
6   lumbia, for the purpose of erecting thereon suitable buildings  
7   and improvements for the establishment and maintenance of  
8   a Quarantine for the District of Columbia; and thereon to  
9   cause to be erected such buildings and improvements as he  
10   may deem proper for the due maintenance and enforcement  
11   of the same.

1        SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the Mayor and*  
2   President of the Board of Health, of the city of Washington,  
3   for the time being, the Mayor and President of the Board of  
4   Health, for the time being, of the town of Alexandria, the

5 Mayor and President of the Common Council of the town of  
6 Georgetown, for the time being, together with the Collectors  
7 of the Customs for the districts of Georgetown and Alexan-  
8 dria, be, and they are hereby constituted a Board of Quarantine  
9 for the District of Columbia, who, or a majority of whom, shall  
10 make all rules and regulations for the enforcement of a quar-  
11 antine within the District of Columbia, shall fix the period for  
12 the annual commencement and discontinuance of the same,  
13 recommend suitable persons to the President of the United  
14 States for the appointments of a Health officer and superin-  
15 tendent of quarantine, and appoint or employ other necessary  
16 agents or servants, and generally to superintend and direct  
17 the performance of quarantine within the said district.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President  
2 of the United States shall annually appoint a Health Officer  
3 and Superintendent of Quarantine, and shall fix their salaries,  
4 and shall have power to order the same, together with the  
5 compensation of such other agents and servants, as may be  
6 necessarily employed, to be paid out of the revenue of the  
7 customs.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of  
2 twelve thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any  
3 money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the  
4 purpose of carrying this act into effect.